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*E-News for the Week: December 9,
2016...*

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RECENT LEGISLATION

LAFD Launches New SOBER Unit Pilot Program...



This week the Public Safety Committee approved a [grant](#) from the Innovation and Performance Commission for the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) SOBER Unit pilot program. The program will partner a Nurse Practitioner with a Firefighter/Paramedic to provide service to serial inebriates - patients who are transported multiple times to emergency rooms for intoxication.

These individuals comprise a disproportionately large percentage of calls for service. Some individuals are transported to emergency rooms more than once per shift, tying up scarce resources. After treatment they are then released back onto the streets. The SOBER Unit will change this dynamic by working with a new County Department of Health Services operated Sobering Center. This center will help with detox and housing resulting in fewer calls for service.

This program follows in the footsteps of the highly successful LAFD Nurse Practitioner Response Unit, an alternative Emergency Medical Services response model for Los Angeles that allows non-urgent, low-level 911 call requests to be screened by LAFD Firefighter EMTs and rerouted to nurse practitioners within the LAFD organization. In their scope of practice, nurse practitioners can conduct comprehensive on-site assessments and perform, treat and release, or treat and transfer.

I want to thank the Innovation Fund Los Angeles for funding this program making it possible to reduce unnecessary and expensive emergency transport.

AUDIO: "Ban the Box" Interview with Doug McIntyre on McIntyre in the Morning...



COMMUNITY NEWS

LAPD Launches New iWatch LA App...



The new iWatch LA app is a community program to help your neighborhood recognize and report suspicious activities. It is a partnership between our community and the Los Angeles Police Department. We can and must work together to prevent terrorist attacks.

The iWatch LA app is the easiest way to report terrorist related activity. If you see, hear, or read something you feel counter-terrorism officers should know about, report it to iWatch. All reports are reviewed by trained counter-terrorism officers, and the public can learn more on the app about behaviors and activities that have been linked to terrorism. All reports are important and if you aren't sure, report the activity and let the experts decide.

If you see something, report it to iWatch. The Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department ask that everyone download the iWatch LA app. For more information, search: iWatch LA in your mobile device store or go to www.lapdonline.org/iwatchla.

LADWP Customer Service Saturday & Free Tree Giveaways...

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) will hold Customer Service Saturday at four of its Customer Service Centers this Saturday. Customers who attend Customer Service Saturday at any of the four locations can expect assistance from staff members who are able to take payments, process service order requests, answer billing questions and resolve billing issues. There will be informational tables and displays with helpful information on LADWP programs and services available to customers, as well as sign-up materials.



**Saturday, December 10
9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**Van Nuys CSC
6550 Van Nuys Boulevard
Van Nuys, CA 91401**



Tree Giveaways

In partnership with City Plants, LADWP will give away free trees at the Van Nuys and Crenshaw locations. You must be a resident of Los Angeles or own property within the city to be eligible to receive a tree. Verification will be required (ID/driver's license or copy of a LADWP utility bill). Supplies are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis. The limit is one per property address.

LADWP hosts Customer Service Saturday on the second Saturday of the month. For more information on Customer Service Saturday, please visit www.ladwp.com/saturdays. Customers are encouraged to bookmark this page and check back regularly for the latest news on the next event.

-Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

LAPD Devonshire PALS 32nd Annual Holiday Toy Drive...

CD 12 is proud to support two toy drives for underserved youth in our community. Both [LAPD Devonshire PALS](#) and the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission are seeking gifts for children this holiday season. Toys should be new and unwrapped and appropriate for children ages 2-18. Suggested items for kids include: Legos, sports equipment, art supplies, remote control cars, and crafts. Suggested items for teens include: sports equipment, scarves, hats, purses, jewelry, socks, sweatshirts, tote bags, and gift cards.



Both organizations are also looking for community groups and businesses to help by organizing toy drives and collecting personal donations. A toy collection box can be provided upon request. If you are interested, please contact [\(818\) 882-1212](tel:8188821212) or councilmember.english@lacity.org.

Toys for either organization can be dropped off at our Community Service Center. Please indicate which organization you would like toys to go to at the time of drop off:

**Council District 12
Community Service Center
9207 Oakdale Ave.
Chatsworth**

Drop Offs for LAPD Devonshire Pals are also accepted at:

**PALS Center
8721 Wilbur Ave.
Northridge**

**Devonshire Police Station
10250 Etiwanda Ave.**

Northridge

The final day to drop off toys is **Friday, December 16**. The 32nd Annual Toy Drive is on December 17 at 9:00 am. To volunteer at the PALS toy drive and for more information, call (818) 885-6432.

Drop Offs for the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission are also accepted at:

San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission, Northridge Location
8756 Canby Ave.
Northridge

The deadline to donate toys is Friday, December, 9th. For more information or to volunteer/conduct a toy drive with the SFV Rescue Mission, call (818) 960-0402 or email ACocar@erescuemission.org.

2016 Chatsworth Holiday Parade...



Join the Kiwanis of Chatsworth as they proudly present the 2016 Chatsworth Holiday Parade and Festival "An American Celebration." Enjoy the festival filled with live music, food trucks, beer garden, kids area, local vendors, and more. Watch marching bands, performances, and local community organizations as they dance down Devonshire Street.

Sunday, December 11
Festival: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Parade: 1:00 pm

Festival
Canoga Ave. & Devonshire St.
Chatsworth

Parade Step off
Travelling East on Devonshire St.
Jordan Ave. to Lurline Ave.

For more information, go to www.chatsworthholidayparade.org.

VIDEO: The 2016 Granada Hills Holiday Parade

Highlights...



Video courtesy of Mark Hovater.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Make an Appointment at the CD12 Community Service Center...

We are now taking reservations for community members to meet one-on-one with representatives of City Departments at our Community Service Center in Chatsworth.

We have regularly scheduled time slots for community members to meet with the Planning, Police, Transportation (LADOT), the Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Water and Power, Building and Safety, Recreation and Parks, Neighborhood Empowerment Departments, Housing & Community Development, Animal Services, and Aging. This offers community members an opportunity to get information and assistance in Chatsworth without having to travel all the way downtown. Meetings with Department representatives are by appointment only, but you can speak with our Field Deputies at any time.



Community Service Center
9207 Oakdale Ave. Second Floor
Chatsworth.

To RSVP and for more information, call [\(818\) 882-1212](tel:8188821212).

San Fernando Valley Youth Chorus Auditions...



San Fernando Valley Youth Chorus is holding auditions for their new Valley A Cappella Choir, *Like, Totally*. Under the musical direction of Mady Rasey, middle and high school students are invited to audition for the Spring 2017 inaugural season.

Saturday, December 10
10:00 am

Address Available upon Audition Reservation
West Hills

*For more information, call 818-895- 7071,
email LikeTotallySFV@gmail.com or go to www.valleyyouthchorus.org.*

Faery Hunt Presents A Mermaids Tail...

Join A Faery Hunt on this magical interactive adventure. A Faery Hunt is an interactive performance designed for young audiences and their families to inspire creativity, imaginations and fun. In *A Mermaids Tail*, Auntie Angelica takes the audience on a gentle adventure to help Mermaid Li Ban back to the ocean to find her tail. Children are encouraged to come in costume. Wings, garlands, wands, wizard hats, and CD's of Faery Music from the shows will be available for purchase. Groups and birthdays are welcome!



Saturday, December 10
10:30 am

16756 Moorpark St.
Encino

For more information, call (818) 324-6802.

Fire Station 96 Spark of Love Toy Drive...



For nearly 25 years, the "Spark of Love Toy Drive" has successfully collected more than 9 million toys for children and teens. Meet the crew of Fire Station 96 and bring a toy and holiday spirit to a child in need this season.

Saturday, December 10
11:00 am to 2:00 pm

Ralphs
21431 Devonshire St.
Chatsworth

For more information, call (818) 321-2359.

City of Angels Community Choir Tis the Season Concert...

The City of Angels Community Choir presents Tis the Season an evening of treasured Christmas and Holiday Music featuring the City of Angels Master Chorale and Children's Chorus alongside Our Lady of Peace After School Choir. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.



Saturday, December 10
7:00 pm

St. Stephen Presbyterian Church
20121 Devonshire St.
Chatsworth

For more information and to order tickets, call (818) 437-5854 or go to www.coacc.net.

Chatsworth Handmade Market and Boutique...



Join My Creative Outlet as they host a handmade market and boutique featuring local artists and artisans. Stop by their shop and look for them at the Chatsworth Parade.

Saturday, December 10

10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 11
10:00 am to 4:00 pm

My Creative Outlet
21754 Devonshire St.
Chatsworth

For more information, go to www.mycreativeoutlet.net.

San Fernando Valley Chorale 2016 Holiday Songfest...

San Fernando Valley Chorale proudly presents their 2016 Holiday Songfest: The Wonderful World of Christmas. Director Conrad Immel has planned a thrilling selection of sacred and secular holiday songs that will bring together the Chorale's dedicated singers and



musicians to kick off your holiday with verve and style. From classical to boogie woogie, the San Fernando Valley Chorale 2016 Holiday Songfest will be an evening to remember. Vocal and instrumental solos enhance the

magic of these live performances. The Chorale is a non-profit, non-sectarian group of men and women singers who share their love of music with the community. Suggested donations for performances are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children.

Saturday, December 10
7:00 pm

Chapel of the Cross
10000 Sepulveda Blvd.
Mission Hills

Sunday, December 11
5:30 pm

Congregational Church of Chatsworth
20440 Lassen St.
Chatsworth

For more information, call (818) 884-8897 or email dnconway@icloud.com.

Finish the Ride Holiday Challenge...



collisions.

Registration is now open for the Finish The Ride, Run, Walk N' Roll Holiday Challenge 2016. Join Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) and SoCal Cross for an awesome event for everyone from beginners to hardcore athletes. All proceeds will benefit the Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE) non-profit organization dedicated to preventing traffic fatalities, ending hit and run crimes and helping those who have been affected by traffic

Sunday, December 11
6:00 am

Woodley Park
6100 Woodley Ave.
Van Nuys

For more information, to become a volunteer, and to register, go to www.FinishTheRide.org.

Soroptimist of San Fernando Valley Succulent Sale...

Shop for your family's holiday tree and greens at the Soroptimist of San Fernando Valley Succulent Sale. All proceeds will fund scholarships for women in our community.



Sunday, December 11

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

**Tapia Brothers Farm Stand
5251 Havenhurst Ave.
Encino**

For more information, call (818) 473-5118.

Wilkinson Senior Center 2016 Holiday Bazaar...



Join the Robert M. Wilkinson Multi-Purpose Senior Center as they host their 2016 Holiday Bazaar. Enjoy local vendors, holiday shopping, decorations, raffle tickets, and refreshments all in one convenient location.

Wednesday, December 14

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Wilkinson Multi-Purpose Senior Center
8956 Vanalden Ave.
Northridge**

For more information, to become a vendor, and to RSVP, call (818) 885-5144.

Knollwood United Methodist Church Choir Christmas Concert...

The Knollwood United Methodist Church Choir will present an Invitation to *A Miracle: Advent Cantata* followed by a potluck supper. While the event is free and all are welcome to attend, donations are accepted.



Saturday, December 17

4:00 pm

**Knollwood United Methodist Church
12121 Balboa Blvd.
Granada Hills**

For more information, call 818-360-8111.

Operation Blankets of Love Volunteer Orientation Meeting...



Operation Blankets of Love is a non-profit animal welfare and emergency relief organization. Volunteers are needed throughout Los Angeles. While Operation Blankets of Love does not work directly with animals, they provide pet aid and comfort items to homeless animals in shelters, rescue groups and pets of the homeless. They are holding a New Volunteer

Orientation Meeting that will include an optional 30-minute private, behind-the-scenes shelter tour afterward.

Sunday, December 18
11:00 am to 12:00 pm

The East Valley Shelter
14409 Vanowen St.
Van Nuys

For more information and to RSVP, call (818) 402-6586 or email obol@obol.info. To donate, go to www.operationblanketsoflove.org.

Valley Philharmonic Orchestra 2016 Winter Concert...

Join the Valley Philharmonic Orchestra as they host their 2016 Winter Concert. Led by Conductor Henry Shin, the performance will feature Holiday music, Khachaturian, Strauss, Tchaikovsky, Nutcracker and Beethoven.



Sunday, December 18
7:00 pm

In-Christ Community Church
19514 Rinaldi St.
Northridge

For more information, call (213) 458-4618, email jackiek818@juno.com, or go to www.valleyphil.org.

Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park Hike Leader / Park Docent...



The Santa Susana Pass State Historic Park is hosting a hike leader and docent training course. This training is open to anyone wanting to learn about the Santa Susana Mountains and its geology, history, and information on the park. While completing the course does not mean you must become a park docent, those interested in being hike leaders must complete it. The 12 session series is \$50 for the complete

training and \$15 for individual classes.

Training begins Saturday, January 7
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

For more information, email santasusanafriends@gmail.com.

STAFF REPORT

Reports From Our Staff: Remember to Lock It, Hide It, Keep It...



Our Field Deputy, Erich King, would like to remind everyone of the importance of keeping valuable items safe while you shop this holiday season. This season there have been reports of vehicles being broken into and items stolen. The owners may not have thought the property was of any value, but criminals don't care. Vehicles left unattended are an easy target for criminals, and can be broken into in a matter of seconds.

The "Lock It, Hide It, Keep It" program warns shoppers that have packages and valuables in their vehicles and urges them to keep items out of sight while making sure the car is locked:

- **Lock It:** Lock your vehicle every time you leave it unattended and always lock your valuables in the trunk.
- **Hide It:** If you don't have a trunk, hide valuables under the seats, in the glove box, or other compartments within the vehicle.
- **Keep It:** Personal responsibility is the best prevention to safeguard personal property and to prevent becoming a victim.

For more information, go to www.lapdonline.org.



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